

QA-105
Spring Garden
Centreville
private

c. 1790
c. 1890

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Spring Garden

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rolling Branch Road, .3 miles south of Rt. 304, east

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ not applicable

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles T. Quimby

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Centreville Heights

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: NBW 8

Folio #: 230

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Spring Garden is located on Rolling Branch Road between Rt. 304 and U.S. Rt. 301 southeast of Centreville. It is a large brick structure composed of a late 18th century section and a late 19th century section, both 2 1/2 stories in height.

The house faces northeast and the older section, on the northwest, is a five bay, all header bond, two and one half story structure with deep 'A' roof. Along the facade, first story, extends a porch with large turned posts and well designed pierced scrolled brackets. The windows have been lengthened and now have 1/1 sash with the upper sash having small square panes around the one large pane. The central entrance has bold double doors with three pane transom. All of the windows and doors have trim applied over the brick walls, a part of the major late 19th century remodelings. On the second story of the northeast facade are five windows with 6/6 sash. On the roof are two extraordinary dormers having 6/6 sash and crossetted trim with keystone in the center of the plain gable. Two huge chimneys rise from within the gables of this section. The roof throughout is covered with slate. The cornice

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

has a row of dentils with three drill holes between each dentil.

The northwest gable of the old section is a plain brick wall with one former opening now bricked in. It apparently was a basement entrance at grade with segmental rubbed brick arch. The gable is laid in Flemish garden wall bond.

On the southwest facade, there is only a porch at the central door. It is identical to the front door. The windows flanking the door appear to be the original height judging from the position of the shutter dogs; however, they have 4/4 sash. The dogs have an unusual shape, almost an '8' shaped plate with rat tail on one end. There is a double stepped water table and a one brick string course around the house. One window in the basement is located on the westernmost bay. The easternmost bay has the relocated bulkhead. This side, too, has two extraordinary dormers like those of the front. Unlike the front, however, this wall is laid in Flemish bond.

Returning to the northeast facade, the c. 1890 wing projects slightly from the face of the older section and has two equal angled walls flanking it. In the center is a plain door with transom on the first story. In the two angled walls are one window each with 1/1 sash. The

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

porch projecting around this uneven gable is screened, but otherwise is the same build as the remainder of the porch. In the attic is a shingle-covered gable/pediment with window.

It is obvious that the designer of the wing was more concerned in making the southeast facade more symmetrical than the approach facade, for the wing is divided into two elements, a semi-octagonal projection on the north and a plain three bay structure with center gable on the south. This explains the reason for the uneven angles of the northeast facade. The semi-octagonal bay has a pair of 1/1 sash windows on both stories and a single window on the flanking walls. There is a pedimented gable with round window in the shingle decoration in the roof. The three southern bays have a central door with transom and hood, and a shingled gable/pediment in the roof, with semi-circular headed window. A chimney rises slightly south of center from the apex of the roof. On the southwest gable is a large shed roof enclosed porch with chimney. One window on the gable is off-center. This section projects deeper than the older section and has one window on both floors on the northwest wall.

Slightly southeast of the house is a framed smoke house with vertical boards. A tilted false plate supports the roof rafters. Strap hinges on the facade door appear

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

original. It stands on brick piers. According to the owner, Mr. Quimby, there was also a dairy between the smoke house and the house with 7' deep cellar having a trough around the outer walls. It blew down in a storm many years ago.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

STATE _____

COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

9/9/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

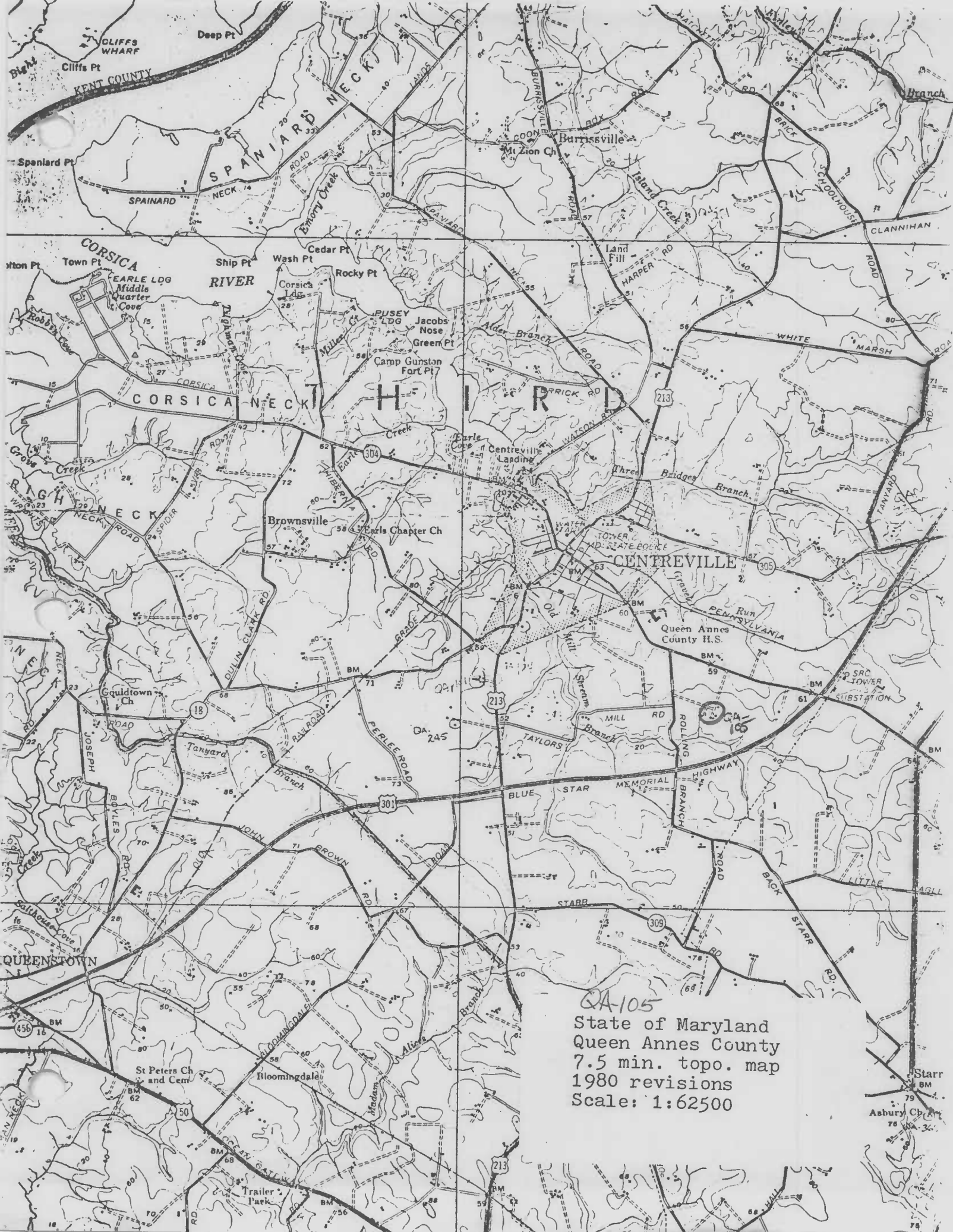
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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State of Maryland
Queen Annes County
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1980 revisions
Scale: 1:62500

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Asbury Ch
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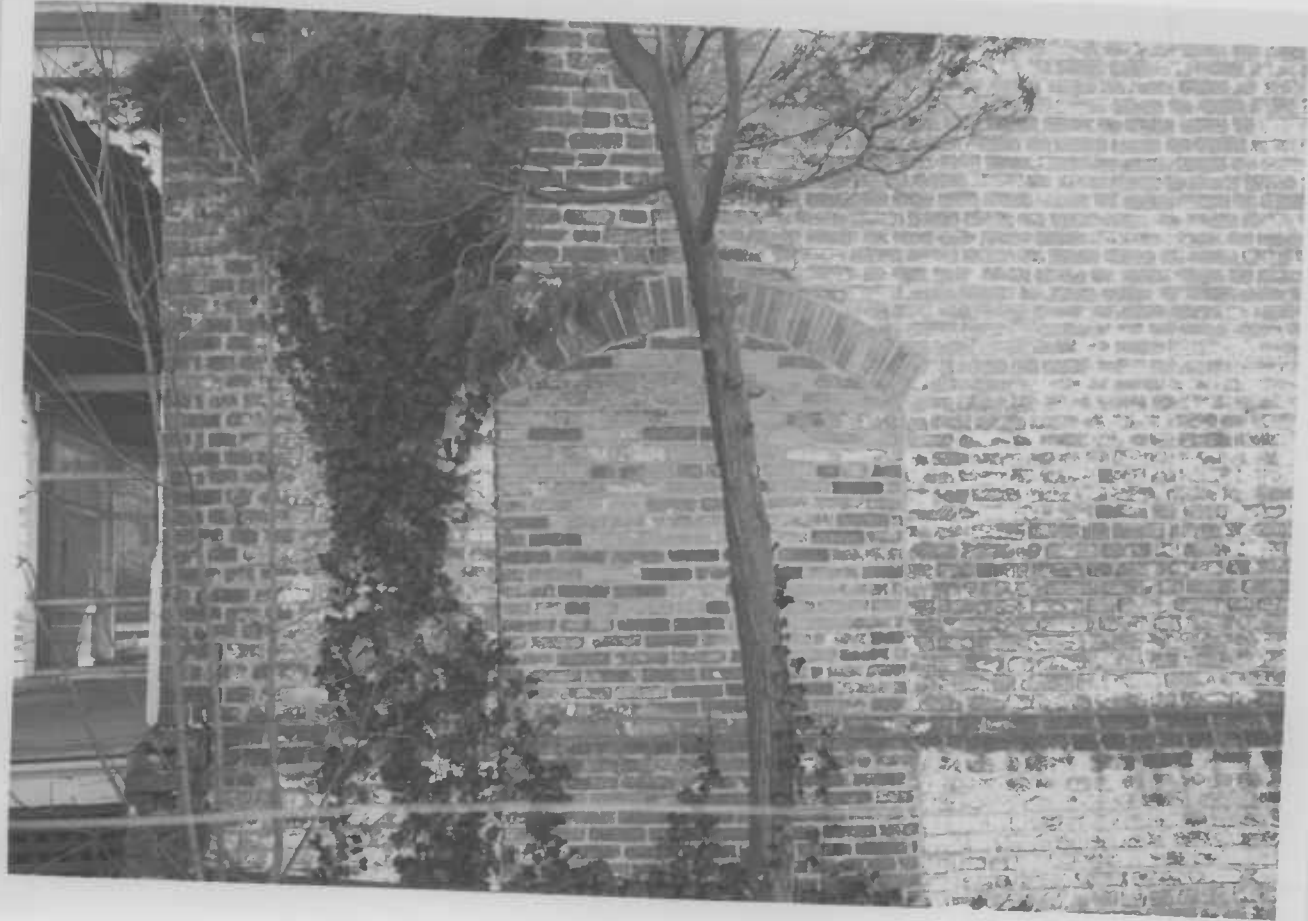
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